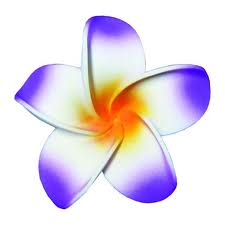
Lesona 7: Fa'alogo mai – Listen to me

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* **Tangi:** Over the last five weeks, we have learnt 5 Samoan words and we are about to introduce you to our second instructional word. But, before we move on to our new word for the week, let’s quickly recap…
* **Jacque**: Tālofa lava – Hello! Say after me…
  + Tālofa lava
* **Sharleen**: Tōfā – Goodbye! Say after me…
* Tōfā
* **Leigh:** Fa’amolemole – Please! Say after me…
* Fa’amolemole
* **Tangi:** Fa’afetai – Thank you! Say after me…
* Fa’afetai
* **Jacque:** Now for our first instructional word from last week.Tilotilo mai – Look this way! Say after me…
* Tilotilo mai
* **Sharleen:** Which brings us to our new instructional word…
* **Fa’alogo mai** – Listen to me! Say after me…
* **Fa’a** – Fa’a
* **logo** – logo mai
* **mai**  – mai
* **Fa’alogo mai – Fa’alogo mai**



Tangi: White Sunday

[**http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White\_Sunday**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White_Sunday)

**White Sunday** is a holiday in [Samoa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samoa), falling on the second [Sunday](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sunday) in October.

It is a day for parents and communities to acknowledge and celebrate [childhood](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Childhood) by hosting special programs during church services which include scriptural recitations ("tauloto"), Biblical story reenactments and creative dance performances. Children receive gifts (often new clothing and/or school supplies) on White Sunday and are allowed privileges normally reserved for elders, such as being the first to be served food at family meal time.

On White Sunday, Samoan women and children dress completely in white clothing. Some of them trim the clothes with the other two colors of the [Samoan flag](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samoan_flag), red and blue. Men will wear white shirts with either white slacks or the traditional 'ie faitaga form of the [lavalava](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lavalava). If a lavalava is worn it need not be white. White Sunday is also celebrated in [Tonga](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tonga).

White Sunday is celebrated by Samoan congregations and families throughout ethnic Samoan expatriate communities.

In the [Samoan language](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samoan_language) the holiday is called "Lotu Tamaiti," literally "Children's Service" or "Prayer for Children."

Leigh: Church life in Samoa

<http://www.une.edu.au/chaplaincy/uniting/finding_god/samoan.pdf>

White is the important most colour in any church in Samoa. It relates very much to the missionary concept of white for purity.

In Samoa **white is regarded as the symbol of a ‘pure heart’**. Because the missionaries who came to the island with the good news, they wore white clothes, so naturally the Samoans followed their footsteps. It has now become very much part of the Church culture.

The way Samoan’s dress from head to toe is very important in the Samoan Church life.

* Women are expected to wear hats. They also wear a l*avalava* and top or a very neat dress.
* Men wear *lavalavas*, a shirt and a tie. Men also desire to wear a suit. You would never see a man going into a church wearing a t-shirt or jeans.
* Everyone has to dress in their best. Whilst ministers of other churches may say “It doesn’t matter what you look like on the outside, it’s what is in the inside that matters”. To the people of Samoa, whatever you look like on the outside shows what the inside is like.
* Samoans believe God is pure and holy, so worshippers should enter into His house in a state of purity and cleanliness both on the inside and outside.

